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EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
	A2	98/36559	8/1998	WO			
	A3	0 913 974	5/1999	EP			
	A4	0 949 816	10/1999	EP			

**OTHER ART** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	A5	International Search Report, application no. PCT/US 00/40909, mailed February 14, 2001.

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